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Proceedings of the meeting of the Mysore Tenancy Agricultural Land Laws Committee at Puttur on 31.5.1957

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Representative of both land lords and tenants were present (Krishika Sangha)

irman — Are there any landlords here having more than 30 acres of wet land?

(There were none)

ri Hutchmasthy Gowda — How many acres of land are required for the maintenance of a family of five members?

ri Jathapraya — About four to five acres of wet land is required. Thirty mudies is the average yield in one acre from the first crop and 25 mudis from the second crop. The expense for the first crop is 12 mudies of paddy and 20 mudies for both the crops.

Shri Hutchmasthy Gowda — With how many bullocks can an acre of land be cultivated?

One pair of bullocks are required for cultivating one acre of land. First crop of all lands are grown by the rain water and the second crop by irrigation.

How many acres of wet land are required for a smallfamily?

Shri Jathappraya — ten to fifteen acres of land is required for a small family for standard life. If it is third class, thirty acres of land is required for maintenance. If it is only areca nut field, two acres of land is required for the normal maintenance. ~~If it is only~~ According to the existing condition five acres of paddy land is equal to 2 acres of areca nut field. In my opinion, 15 acres of paddy land will be an ecnnomic holding of a small family, and there should be no ceiling. If there were to be any ceiling, it should be in ~~xin~~ relation to ceilings in other avocations. Forty percent of the gross yield should be reasonable limit of rent. Cash rent is preferable in my opinion. The rate of rent for three acres of paddy field is 10 mudies. Most of the tenants cultivate two to three acres each and those cultivating more than 5 acres can easily be counted on finger ends. For a tenants economic holding,30 acres should be fixed. The cost of cultivation of oneacre is 12 mudies of paddy.

Shri Ligo Nyais
Puttur village

I am a tenant cultivating four acres of paddy land. I pay 36 mudies of rice as rent and no free service of labour is expected by my landlord. Third crop is not taken in my land. I have 22 cocoanut trees. After paying 500 cocoanuts to my landlord, I get about 200 to 300 cocoanuts. I have 3 pairs of bullocks. Some times I purchase paddy from market for my maintenance. I get some 60 to 80 mudies of paddy in the first crop and 60 mudies in the 2nd crop. The yield I get is insufficient for the maintenance of my family and I therefore do some cooly and supplement it. I also sell milk. I had a thatched hut and I have now put up a house at the cost of my landlord. I am on this land for 55 years from my father's time. For some time the rent was 50% of the yield and now I pay a fixed rent. We are seven members and four are working on the field and it is insufficient for the maintenance of my family. If it is my own land, five acres of land will be sufficient for my maintenance.

Shri Mahalinga Gowda

I cultivate 3½ acres of paddy land. I have 2 pairs of bullocks. I get an yield of 15 muras of paddy. The price of both first and second class is in a proportion of
The expense for the first crop is eight to 12 muras of paddy and for the second crop about 10 muras. Three of my family members work on the field and I have also engaged labourers. Thirteen muras of paddy is my rent but I pay it in cash at the current market rates. I have a debt of Rs.600/-. One of my sons is employed and I do not entirely depend on cultivation. I pay 40 muras of paddy to the labourers I employ. After meeting all the expenses nothing remains to me. If I have five acres of paddy lands of my own, I can maintain my family.

Shri Vijayakumar
Congress worker

I am cultivating 8 mudies of land. I consider it better if an acre is taken as the unit of land than on the basis of mudies. We are 9 members if in my family and all are working in the field. We have also servants. This land is not sufficient for our maintenance. I work as dhoby and do some petty jobs to supplement my income. For my family

I require 15 mudies or (10 acres) of paddy land. I get no receipts for the rent I pay. I am continuing for the last 30 years in this field. My landlord does not ask for more rent, nor has he asked me tovacate the land. But he demands more rent. Thirty per cent. of the landlords do not give receipts for the rent.

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I cultivate 5 mudies of land and it is not sufficient. I require at least seven mudies of paddy land. Fromboth the crops, I get yield of about 25 mudies and I pay seven mudies of paddy to the landlord. If I am allowed to pay the price in instalments I can purchase the land for my mainteance. I want that a tenant shouldnot be changed and he should be made mulgenidar.

For plantation of new trees only, interest on investment should be chargedas rent.

Gopal Rai

I have one acre of areca nut garden and I have 400 trees in it. I pay a rent of 4,000 areca nuts to the landlord from the yield of 10 to 12 thousand areca nuts.

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